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atrocities in Nicaragua**

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Sen. Patrick Leahy (D) of Vermont called Thursday for an investigation by the Senate Intelligence Committee into alleged atrocities by US-backed rebels fighting Nicaragua's Sandinista government.

The New York Times said yesterday that reports of atrocities by the *contras* had come to light during congressional investigations into a controversial Central Intelligence Agency manual on guerrilla warfare prepared for the *contras*. It said there was evidence that the *contras* had killed and tortured unarmed civilians in Nicaragua in their efforts to overthrow the Sandinista government.